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Identical letters dated 12 July 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I wish to transmit the following information:

At 1130 hours on 14 June 2013, while the civilian Fadi Rabah Awadah was fishing inside Lebanese territory on the west bank of the Wazzani river, some 400 metres from the Wazzani Fort in the direction of the Roman bridge, nine Israeli enemy soldiers proceeded down to the river, crossed the withdrawal line and opened fire towards him without hitting him. They took the fishing equipment that he had with him.

At 0600 hours on 27 June 2013, between the towns of Duhayrah and Alma al-Sha'b, Israeli enemy troops stationed north of the Blue Line opposite position BP7/1 were seen to deploy in violation of Lebanese sovereignty by a distance of some 50 metres.

At 1515 hours on 2 July 2013, on the outskirts of Shab'a town south of position C7-4 (Birkat al-Naqqar), where the Indian unit of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) is stationed, an Israeli enemy patrol abducted the civilians Yusuf Rahil and Yusuf Zahrah, who had been grazing their flock. The patrol fired into the air and led the two men into occupied territory.

Those actions are a clear violation of my country's sovereignty and of the relevant international resolutions, particularly Security Council resolution 1701 (2006). They also clearly contravene the Charter of the United Nations and the principles and provisions of international law. The violations must be condemned in the strongest possible terms, and Israel must be prevailed upon to cease violating the sovereignty of Lebanon and to fulfil all of its obligations under Security Council resolution 1701 (2006).

I should be grateful if this letter could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 36, and of the Security Council.

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